

St. Mark Catholic Parish

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PASTOR: Fr. Don Sanvido
DEACON: Mr. Basil Markides
SECRETARY: Mrs. Pam Olinski

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. at 7:00 AM
Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Saturday at 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 9:30-10:30 AM & 3:45-4:45 PM
or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: First Tuesday evening of the month at the 7:00 p.m. Mass. No prior notice necessary.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Perpetual Adoration: Spots open, see Chapel

Divine Mercy: Fridays 3:00 PM

Our Lady's Rosary: 1st Saturday at 10:00 AM

Benediction: 1st Sunday at 7:00 PM

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: We invite you to register. Please fill out a form from the church lobby and drop it off at the parish office. Please call if you would like Father to bless your home.

BAPTISM: Infant baptism is celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM. Please fill out a form from the church lobby and drop it off at the parish office. Parents and godparents are requested to come to the 11:30 AM Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month and stay for a brief preparation meeting.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

October through May at the 11:30 AM Mass. Two separate drop-in programs for K-1 & Gr. 2-3. No need to register.

HOSPITAL VISITATION: Please advise the office of area hospital admissions to request a pastoral visit or the Sacrament of the Sick.

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS: Father will bring Communion to the sick on the 1st Friday of the month. Please call the office to schedule a visit.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING:

Instructions by appointment. Call 519-742-3979 or nfp@golden.net.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: White Box Collection on the last Sunday of the month. Call 519-571-8485 for information on food distribution.



"... The seed is sprouting and growing ..." (Mark 4:27)

MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

To have a Mass celebrated for a living or deceased loved one, please fill out this request form, place it in a plain envelope marked "Mass Intention," and drop it in the Sunday collection, or slip it under the door of the parish office if it is closed. Your intention will be printed in the bulletin and announced at the beginning of Mass.

Mass cards are available at the parish office during office hours, or you can find them already signed in the church lobby and in the adoration chapel.

If you prefer to make arrangements in person, you may do so during office hours, or over the phone. There is no charge for Mass intentions. The Bishop suggests an offering of \$10 per Mass.

I would like to have _____ Mass(es) celebrated for
HOW MANY?

the intentions of *(living)* **OR** the repose of the soul of *(deceased)*

NAME OF LIVING OR DECEASED PERSON(S)

Please choose your preferred way of setting the date for this Mass:

The date of the Mass does not matter.

OR

The exact date does not matter, but I would prefer one of the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 AM on a Weekday | <input type="checkbox"/> 5:00 PM on a Saturday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 PM on a Tuesday | <input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 AM on a Sunday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 AM on a Saturday | <input type="checkbox"/> 11:30 AM on a Sunday |

OR

I would like the Mass to be on this specific date*: _____

* Please keep in mind that our ability to accommodate a request for a specific date (especially for a weekend) can be difficult without sufficient notice. For this reason, we recommend submitting requests for weekend Masses a few months in advance.

Requested by: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

We will attempt to contact you by phone if we are unable to accommodate your request.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Worship This Week

DECEMBER 9 – 15, 2013

Monday (solemnity – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
7:00 am + Kaye Blanchard – Colette Dokis

Tuesday
7:00 pm + Jack Soares – Maria

Wednesday
7:00 am - Int. of Jenny

Thursday (feast – Our Lady of Guadalupe)
★ 6:30 pm - Int. of Dominic Fioravanti & Katrina Clark – Cote

Friday (memorial – St. Lucy)
7:00 am - Int. of the Flynn Family – Noreen Flynn
7:00 pm - RECONCILIATION SERVICE (with five priests)

Saturday (memorial – St. John of the Cross)
9:00 am + Fr. Carmelo Caruso – Maria Roma

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Sat. 5:00 pm + Souls in Purgatory – Henrique Da Silva
Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's
11:30 am + Antonio Amaral – Anna Joseph & Irene Baptista

Penitential Services during Advent

DATE	TIME	CHURCH
Mon. Dec. 9	7:00 pm	St. Agatha (St. Agatha)
Wed. Dec. 11	7:00 pm	St. Francis (Kitchener)
Wed. Dec. 11	7:00 pm	St. Mary's (Linwood)
Thur. Dec. 12	11:00 am	St. Anne's (Kitchener)
Fri. Dec. 13	7:00 pm	St. Mark's (Kitchener)
Sun. Dec. 15	3:00 pm	Sacred Heart (Kitchener)
Mon. Dec. 16	7:00 pm	St. Mary's (Kitchener)
Mon. Dec. 16	7:00 pm	St. Clement's (St. Clements)
Tues. Dec. 17	7:00 pm	St. Teresa of Avila (Elmira)
Tues. Dec. 17	7:30 pm	St. Joseph's (Kitchener)
Wed. Dec. 18	7:30 pm	St. Aloysius (Kitchener)
Thur. Dec. 19	7:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament (Kitchener)

Offertory Collections

Nov. 30/Dec. 1, 2013

Envelope Users..... \$ 3,569.00
Loose monies..... \$ 812.92
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS (includes Anniversary Mass)..... \$ 4,381.92
Mortgage Fund..... \$1,390.00

Thank you for your generosity!!



SPIRIT CREW

St. Mark's Ministry for Youth
(Grade 6 and Up)

■ CHRISTMAS CAROL SING AT BANKSIDE TERRACE

Friday, December 13th – 7:00 p.m.

We will be attending **Bankside Retirement Home** located at 71 Bankside Drive in Kitchener. Please drop off students by 7 p.m. for this day only. We will be doing our carol singing in the Main Hall.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Dec. 14 & 15	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	K. Buchanan C. Higgins	W./B. Flitton E. Chang	J./A. Arruda M. McCullough
Commentator:	K. Friesen	P. Enticott	J. Petrovich
Lector:	V. De Vries	J. Flanigan	P. Masbad
Ushers:	A./T. Montag	B./D. Cutting	E./V. McCullough J./P. McCullough
Gift Bearers:	Riddell	Haid	Schimus
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Dokis N./K. Higgins G. Balm A. Bendia	T. Angel B. Seaward P./B. Enticott D. Henri	R. Masbad P. McCullough L. McCullough B./S. Markides

Angel Tree

If you have chosen an angel tag from the tree, please remember to **drop off gifts to the church (unwrapped, with the angel attached) before Sun. Dec. 15th**. Please do not buy clothing, as we do not know the sizes, however winter accessories are always appreciated, as are gift certificates (especially for older children).

If you happen to have extra wrapping paper or bags that you are willing to donate, we would certainly appreciate them.

Also, anyone willing to volunteer their time to help with sorting and distribution, please sign up in the narthex.

FURNITURE WANTED: We have a young mother that is in need of a twin bed for her son, a headboard and frame for a double bed, and also a dresser. If you are able to assist with any of these items, please call the society at 519-571-8485.

Thank you for your ongoing support! - Society of St. Vincent de Paul

New Saint Joseph Sunday Missals for 2014

Available for purchase in the narthex – \$5 each.

★ Holiday Bulletin Submission Deadlines

The church bulletins for **Dec. 15th, Dec. 22nd, Dec. 29th** and **Jan. 5th** must go to print much earlier than usual, to accommodate holidays, and an increased volume of printing. **If you plan on submitting an item for any of these bulletins, please note the following deadlines:**

Please submit articles to the parish office no later than:	For inclusion in the bulletin that will be distributed on:
Monday, Dec. 9 th ASAP!!	Sunday, December 15 th
Wednesday, Dec. 11 th	Sunday, December 22 nd
Monday, Dec. 16 th	Sunday, December 29 th
Thursday, Dec. 28 th	Sunday, January 6 th , 2013

Coffee Sundays at St. Mark's

In the past, Coffee Sundays were a monthly event at St. Mark's Parish. This community-focused event was a great way to get to know fellow parishioners. **We would like to resurrect Coffee Sundays**, but our co-ordinator cannot do it alone! This event requires approx. 2 volunteers per Mass (6 people per month). **If you are interested in helping out, please contact Denise Case at 519-744-1368 or sdcase@rogers.com** and provide your contact information, best Mass time, and mention any weekends that you may not be available. Denise will then create a volunteer list and contact you with your assigned weekend and Mass time.



Alpha

For the past four months Alpha has been taking place in our parish. I would like to personally thank the team for their faith, hope and charity. Their work and mission is to assist others in their journey to the Lord. I may not have made many visits to the people in Alpha, but I did keep them in my prayers – those running and those taking Alpha for the first time. Well, it is our hope, really, that the Spirit of the Lord is running things. In any case, I heard from a couple of good ol' fellas that they received many blessings from taking Alpha. Wonderful to hear such things. Of course, Alpha is only a vehicle, a format to set us on the way. The people who live and witness to their faith – they are the real instruments through which the good news of Jesus Christ is conveyed. *"We are often the only gospel people will hear."* (St. Francis of Assisi)

– Fr. Don

Catechism Compendium

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a wonderful resource to learn more about Christianity and our Catholic faith. Join Fr. Don twice a month on Friday evenings for an opportunity to dig into our catechism using the shorter, concise compendium. Each evening we will begin with a traditional Catholic prayer taken from the Catechism, followed by a 45-minute presentation, questions, and a closing prayer taken from the Catechism.

All are welcome, even if you did not sign up.

Come to one, some, or all:

Friday, Dec. 20	7:00 pm	I Believe in God the Father
Friday, Jan. 10	7:00 pm	I Believe in Jesus Christ, the Only Son of God
Friday, Jan. 24	7:00 pm	I Believe in the Holy Spirit
Friday, Feb. 7	7:00 pm	The Sacramental Economy, and the Liturgy
Friday, Feb. 21	7:00 pm	The Seven Sacraments
Friday, March 7	7:30 pm	Dignity of the Human Person
Friday, March 21	7:30 pm	The Human Community
Friday, April 4	7:30 pm	The 10 Commandments
Friday, April 25	7:00 pm	The Last 7 Commandments
Friday, May 9	7:00 pm	Prayer in the Christian Life
Friday, May 23	7:00 pm	The Lord's Prayer

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C.W.L. Corner ...



■ C.W.L. ADVENT RETREAT: Thursday, Dec. 12th

Please join us this Thursday evening from **6:30 - 9:00 p.m.** Warm your soul with Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Following, we have the honour of hosting Sister Elaine Arsenault, a Sister of Social Service originally from Prince Edward Island. She has a Master's Degree in Ministry and Spirituality and leads a day of prayer each month at St. Anne's Parish here in Kitchener. Sister Elaine will lead us in a retreat entitled **Advent: The Active Wait** followed by a time for fellowship and chili. Everyone is welcome. RSVPs are appreciated to help with food and set up (stmarkcwl@gmail.com).

■ St. Mark C.W.L. Parish Anniversary Events

St. Mark CWL is excited to share an update on our 25th Anniversary events. **As a result of our successful card party, we were able to donate \$1,000 toward the cost of our anniversary celebrations.** The touch quilt project was a huge success, exceeding our goal of one quilt for each of our parish's 25 years. An impressive 33 quilts will be donated to the Alzheimer Society.

Thank you to our C.W.L. members and parishioners for your support in 2013 and to the C.W.L. members who participated in the honour guard at our Anniversary Mass. We look forward to welcoming current and new members at our 2014 events.

Important Notice from the Diocese of Hamilton...

Pope Francis has called a Synod of Marriage and Family to be held in October of 2014 which is to include Bishops from around the world. **This is your invitation to participate** in the gathering of information from the Hamilton Diocese.

There are two ways that you may submit your responses:

- 1) **Fill in the questionnaire** which can be found on the Hamilton Diocesan web site at www.hamiltondiocese.com. The questionnaire seeks information on the faithful's understanding of various Church teachings on marriage and family. It can be completed online, or printed and faxed or mailed to the Family Ministry Office. The deadline for submission is December 16, 2013.
- 2) **Attend a focus group gathering** where the questionnaire will be discussed and responses collected to include in the final report to be submitted by the end of December.
You are asked to RSVP by phone or e-mail if you plan to attend (905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com).
 - Saturday, December 14th from 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon at St. Anthony Daniel Parish (29 Midland Drive, Kitchener)

The preparatory information being gathered will provide essential input to the Bishops as they prepare for this Extraordinary Synod. Please consider engaging in this process in one or both of the ways provided. For further information contact Teresa Hartnett at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 or thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com.

MESSIANIC PROPHECIES will be the Bible Study topic this **Wednesday, December 11th** at 6pm at **St. Mary's Church (Lower Hall)**, 56 Duke St., W., Kitchener. Everyone is invited to bring their Bibles and delve into Sacred Scripture as a way of preparing spiritually for the Birth of Jesus. All are welcome.

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